

WORSHIP.

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The Lord commanded the Israelites whom he chose to learn his statutes and ways that they should offer up offerings and sacrifices morning and evening, and they should burn sweet incense perpetually before the Lord. The Lord dwelling in the tabernacle and afterwards in the temple made his appearance in glory and spoke to the people. Those offerings were offered up for the sins of the people, but were done away with when Christ our sacrifice was offered once for all. The High Priest and priests had to bring those offerings before the Lord, but now Christ is our high priest making intercession for us, and his followers are priests unto the Lord. The priests had to confess their own and the people's sins and offer up sacrifices and sweet incense and adore God.

Do Christian people not need to confess their sins and bring their offerings to Christ at least every morning and evening? Do the pilgrims traveling to the heavenly Canaan not need a new supply, every morning, of manna from above, the word of God for strength and nourishment for the travel during the day? Have they not reasons to thank, praise and glorify God's name for his protecting care over them during the past night, when they were asleep and unconscious in the hand of God, and ask in humbleness for renewed ability for the duty of the day, for the lead and guidance of the Holy Spirit, so the evil one and his influences shall not make them sin or grieve the good spirit, dwelling in them, for doing good, to be the means in God's hand to the upbuilding of his kingdom in various ways as the spirit leads, and the glorifying of his name?

David says in Psalms 55 : 17, "Evening and morning and at noon will I pray, and cry aloud and he shall hear my voice." The man after God's own heart cryeth aloud in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving and praise three times a day. Christians need and ought to come before God in praise and supplication. But the consecrated servants of Christ should not make supplications for themselves only. The Israelites had to take a lamb for each household, and if the household was too small for a lamb, his next neighbor should share with him, but a lamb was always enough for a family or household. How much more is Christ our offering and sacrifice sufficient for all the household, and so every Christian family should raise their altar and offer up sweet incense in thanksgiving and praise and in glorifying and exalting

God's holy name and make intercession and supplication for our families. And more than this, God's old chosen people were to teach their children the Lord's commandments and his wonders and goodness, both early and late, when thou sittest in thine house and when thou walketh by the way and when thou lieth down and when thou sittest up, and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes, and thou shalt write them upon the post of thy house and on the gates. Deut. 6 : 7-9. Remember before he told them how to teach their children, he said thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Under the new covenant we are to pray without ceasing, fervent in spirit and fervent in love, or in other words be very zealous or earnest, burning or very hot. Now if they that love Christ as their leader have the fire of love to him burning, and keep it well kindled in their innermost heart, their lives will be a perpetual flame with its blaze of rays and light, pointing heavenward in prayers and supplication with gratitude and praise to the Lord as sweet incenses, rejoicing in talking to their children both early and late of how great things Christ has done for them, how he loves them and what he has in store on the way and in the heavenly Canaan for all who accept him as their Saviour and their leader and are obedient to his commandments, and they delight in honoring God, in revealing his goodness to mankind, to everybody whenever opportunity. We who profess to be Christians should exercise this spirit, but if that love is not in our hearts, but the love of worldliness in its different branches is burning in our hearts we will not rejoice much in talking about Christ to our children nor to others, and if we do they will soon find out in what way we are kindling our fire and our profession and talk will not have much weight or influence, and if we do offer up prayer and thanksgiving, and we do not love Christ and his cause and kingdom supremely, our worship will not be a sweet incense to God, (rather an abomination,) and we have no promise that he will hear us. When God established his laws for his people he knew what they needed to keep their faith aglow, and he said they should come before him in sacred worship, morning and evening. It was a type for the Christians and we should in reverence to God and for the welfare of our souls raise our family altar and offer up sacred devotion to him morning and evening. It is his own appointed way, and if we want to be strong in the Lord we must feed on Christ our

precious offering, the ever flowing fountain, his word and promises and grow thereby to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ our living head.

If these lines should come before some professing Christian families who have not yet erected a family altar, in the name of God, erect one this very day. We know nothing about to-morrow nor what it will bring, nor if we will live and see it, and if the father is too timid, let the mother take a hold or let the father read the blessed sacred word of God, and the mother offer up prayer and thanksgiving and supplication for the household, or do it in any way as circumstances may direct. God looks on a willing heart. Let the children sing and take part especially those who have accepted Christ as their Saviour, and you will be able to say with the Psalmist, "My voice shalt thou hear in the morning O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. Ps. 5 : 3. What a comfort to the Christian pilgrims who can look up to God as their leader and protector, day by day, and delight in coming before their loving heavenly Father and talking to him about things pertaining to the day, and rejoice in his ways, his words, his promises and above all in Christ our offering and sin-bearing and his coming kingdom the heavenly Canaan.

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HE HAS WELL SAID.

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That is, the Editor, in No. 30, in reviewing Brother Cassel's extravagant liberality. We feel like saying, "Well done, thou faithful servant." And we are made to ask, Why do men persist in crowding matter so utterly at variance with the faith of ninety nine per cent. of the readers and supporters of the journal, into its columns? Why not send your manuscript to a paper whose patrons you may, if not edify, at least gratify? We have an interest, financially and otherwise in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, and we protest against the publishing of such heretical articles in its columns, and are only willing to bear it, so long as the Editor gives them their deserved animadversions.

In the same number is an article by the adroitly clever Balsbaugh, in which the writer gets down into a sublime depth of logic when he says: "We are born *because* we are human, we are baptized *because* we are Christian."

We shall not at present undertake to controvert this position. We acknowledge that it is skillfully and adroitly taken, and we also feel assured that Brother Balsbaugh is well versed in the mysteries